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With regard to the German language publication ("HÜTTE" engineers' handbook), it is noted that this article was cited by the German Patent Examiner during examination of the applicants' priority application as disclosing the use of nickel-plated brass, which a review of the publication fails to substantiate. That is, only a special brass alloy containing 3% nickel appears to be among the materials described in this publication.

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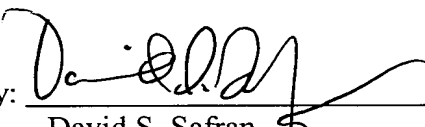
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